

# **RARITAN VALLEY ARTS ASSOCIATION Est. 1939**

**November/December 2006 Newsletter**

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**Crisp Autumn Greetings!**

**So now we are really into autumn and don't you want to paint the colors? Show the light sparkling on golden and scarlet and burnt orange leaves? Of course you do. But you also want to come MONDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> to the Somerset County Library, 7:30 pm, for our DEMO BY DOUG AXMANN. Our own Doug will be doing a mixed media painting with acrylic and with AIRBRUSH! Super! We've not seen the likes of this before! Mixed media with airbrush included. Doug is a well known artist in several media, with many awards to his credit, and has been teaching at the Joe Kubert School for Graphic Arts in Dover, NJ, for ten years. You will certainly enjoy his demo! Alka Dalal will be doing the Refreshments. Thank you, Alka!**

**The holidays mean celebrating with our friends and so you won't want to miss RVAA's FANTASTIC HOLIDAY DINNER, Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Doug Axmann has once again kindly agreed to chair the event. It will be at McCarthy's again (why change a great thing?). From 22 East you turn right onto FINDERNE AVENUE, and when you get to the second light you turn right onto Main Street and McCarthy's is almost immediately on your left. Your editor thinks you really ought to come; we always have good talk, good food, and lots of extras. Cash bar starts at 6:00 and you can choose your menu when you get to the restaurant, from rib eye, filet mignon, chicken francais, broiled seafood platter with orange sauce, and grilled salmon. Of course this is all prefaced by a humungous all-you-can-pile on your prechilled plate salad bar. Coffee, tea, and desert after. Yes, we will have our infamous white elephant or similar gift exchange, that is, a white elephant or gift worth \$5. - \$10, gift-wrapped, and ready to party on home to your house. A little entertainment/diversion will be provided by a couple of our members, maybe you? Any members who wish to share a holidayish bon mot or two, please do! All this for only \$26.50, please send a check made out to RVAA and mailed to Doug at 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ. 08876 by December 9<sup>th</sup>. (Thank you, Doug, for chairing this!)**

**Lots of HOLIDAY DOINGS going on in December (note that this Newsletter serves both months). You will find the rules for our month long show at the Somerset County Library at the end of this Newsletter. You should all be a part of this yearly event. You can have small works and large; lots of people come to the library and**

some will buy. As usual, we need showsitters and there are always more hours than showsitters, so feel free to volunteer even more time. It happens each year—an impulse buyer will find no one at our desk, and then the impulse to buy leaves. And while you showsit you can bring your cards and prints to sell (originals only for hanging, except for two prints. **MARY CREASY** will be helping me again this year and I thank her for that!

The Paint-out at the Boudinot-Southard-Ross complex was great fun a few weeks ago. Your editor saw quite a few RVAAers painting there on Saturday the 14th, including Rita Gorky and Judy Hummer, Linda Arnold, Audrey Wreszin, and Doug Axmann. Hopefully an exhibit will come out of this. And Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> 84 artists painted at the Princeton Academy Paint Out and we all came away well-fed (and a bit cold). Your editor saw Doug Axmann there as well. More RVAAers should come next year, as you can sell the painting you make.

**THELMA CANTY** has kindly agreed to chair our big show at the JCC on Talamini Road in Bridgewater in March. Thelma passes on the following news about this. Joan McKinney will judge our work and we will hang the paintings on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Two paintings from each member may be entered. The Opening Reception is Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and the work will hang until April 10<sup>th</sup>. A small fee will be charged to cover expenses, as yet to be decided. Postcards for the show will go out to their wide membership. If you have questions, please call Thelma at 908/874-8241.

**UPCOMING**—in January we may have Super-Framer and RVAA member Florence White doing a framing demo; in February Alka Dalal (also RVAA member) will be doing one-stroke painting with us. Carl Burger will be in March; Doris Terris in April, and Russ Johnson in May. More on the exact dates in the January Newsletter, and thank you, President Linda Arnold, for getting these programs (editor's note: won't anyone help her? Please phone our President 908/647-3610 and volunteer for Program Chair).

## **MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

**GAY BILLICH** was elected to Full Membership in the NJ Water Color Society, and in their Annual Members' Show at the Papermill Playhouse, she received 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award of Excellence. Gay's work was juried into the National Association of Woman Artists 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition at Google Works, Reading, PA.; the International Society of Experimental Artists 2006 Exhibit at the DeVos Museum in Marquette, MI.; the Lyssa Morgan Gallery of Tampa, Florida, where her work will continue to be displayed; and also the Catherine Lorillard Wolf Art Club's 110<sup>th</sup> Juried Exhibit at the National Arts Club in NY. Gay received the New Collage Award at the

National Collage Society's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibit at the Berman Museum of Art in Pa, and won 4<sup>th</sup> Place in Abstracts at the Juried Tewksbury Show. Her artwork was also accepted into the juried Mountain Art Show.

**ROSALIE STERN** is the **FEATURED ARTIST** at Visions Gallery from November 2<sup>nd</sup> until December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Artist's Reception is on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 until 4:00, and you are all cordially invited to come celebrate with Rosalie. Visions Gallery is at 18 Main Street in Clinton.

**HELLO OUT THERE!** Please drop me a note or email me with your news for the January 2007 Newsletter! And I hope to wish many of you Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year in person, at our show, and especially, at our Holiday Dinner.

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Check for \$26.50 made out to RVAA for each guest, and mailed to Doug Axmann, 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, NJ, 08876   RVAA HOLIDAY DINNER  
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**"Holiday Collection" and Members Show**

**Receiving dates: for racks, screens only—Friday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 10-12**

**For paintings only Saturday morning from 10:30 (not before, please)—noon**

**REMOVAL OF ALL WORKS Saturday, December 30, 10--noon.**

**YOU DON'T NEED TO OWN SCREENS; SCREEN OWNERS WILL SHARE THEIRS WITH YOU.** Your screen place is assigned according to a floor plan **IN THE ORDER IN WHICH YOUR FORMS ARE RECEIVED.** I need to know how many screens will be brought in to share. All artists need to bring drapery hooks or s-hooks for their own works on screens in library.

**RULES---PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

**1 Preregistration by Mon. Dec. 27 (?s Diana at 722-0562or email)**

**2 Membership dues must be paid. Fee for the show is \$10.**

**3 Small works, 8 x 10 and under, will be put in the display cases on a space available basis, and should have a small easel or support, marked with the artist's name and NFS (not for sale)**

**4 Larger paintings will hang on screens on space available basis. Standard screen panel is 36" by 72", and if space permits (on how many screens are loaned) screen owners should have 3-4 screen sides and non-owners 1-2.**

**5 Screens, and all parts of screens, should have owner's name on them.**

**6 All paintings must be properly wired, numbered, & priced, with small labels.**

**7 Bring list of paintings (even if only one work) on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, plus a copy for you. Name and address and phone number should be on these.**

**8 There will be a book at showsit table with each artist's list of paintings and prices in it. The paintings that are sold may be replaced, but new paintings with their prices and numbers must be recorded in the book. Please read the instructions in the book before you sell a painting.**

**9 Every painting sold must be recorded. Somerset County Library receives 10% of all sales. At the end of the show artists will receive a check from RVAA for their total sales, less 10%. Anything small sold during your showsit time must be recorded also.**

**10 All paintings must be for sale, except one, marked "not for sale".**

**11 Artists who display paintings on the screens must volunteer six hours of show sitting time. Artists who enter only one or two paintings volunteer two show sitting hours. Sign up for show sitting only on Sat. morning from 10:30-12.**

**FEEL FREE TO SIT MORE**

**12 You may display your portfolio and/or small works, notecards, etc. on the showsit table while showsitting, but no large advertising posters.**

**13 Removal of paintings and screens is Saturday, Dec. 30, 10-noon**

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**Please mail form with \$10. check made out to RVAA (show fee) to Diana Patton,**

**497 Stony Brook Dr, Bridgewater, 08807. Name\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ **am entering the Holiday Show.**

**I have (# of) \_\_\_\_\_ screens to share.(delivery 12/1)**

**Phone\_\_\_\_\_**

